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"New People Movement" promoted By the Nanking Government

In view of the change in the Far Eastern situation following the outbreak of the Pacific War and in order to accelerate the establishment of the "New Order in the Orient", Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Chairman of the Nanking Government, is promoting a "New People Movement", the general principles of which were issued on January 1, 1942. This movement has the fundamental principles of the "New Life Movement" and the "Spiritual Mobilization Movement" promoted by the Chungking Government, and the "Sino-Japanese Rapprochment Pact".

During a meeting held on January 16, 1942, the Nanking Government decided on the following plans for the enforcement of the movement :-

(1) That the enforcement of the movement be completed within three periods as follows :-

(a) During the first period, extensive propaganda work will be carried out to acquaint the people with the significance of the movement.

(b) During the second period, youths will be selected from schools, organizations etc. to undergo civic training. Detailed plans will be discussed later.

(c) During the third period, the trained youths will be detailed to train the people in general. Detailed plans will be discussed later.

(2) That the propaganda work for the first period, from January 21 to February 2, 1942, be set down as follows :-

(a) Schools and colleges will be instructed by the

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Ministry cf Education to give lessons on the principles of the "New People Movement", and the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Publicity will send officers to schools and colleges to deliver lectures relating to the movement.

(b) Newspapers and other publications will publish special issues once a week to propagate the movement.

(c) Newspapers will endeavour to collect the opinions of the public regarding the movement for consideration when the plans for the second are discussed.

(d) Booklets, posters and pictorials will be distributed, lectures given, and theatrical performances staged to propagate the movement.

(e) The people, in groups, will take oath to join the movement.

(f) Prizes will be offered for composing songs and plays bearing on the movement.

(g) Further propaganda will be carried out by sending postcards, flying balloons, and broadcasts over radio stations. Advantage will be taken of the occassion to reveal the atrocities of guerilla units.

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